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Community Informational

TUCSON SECTOR BORDER PATROL -- In an effort to improve our communications within the community, we are sending you this Community Informational to inform you of significant actions taken by Border Patrol Agents in the Tucson Sector Area of Responsibility. We are excited to provide you this insight into issues that may appear in the media. We would appreciate your feedback and constructive criticism on how we can better keep you informed. If you would like to see something added, let us know. If you prefer not to receive this information, or know of someone who would like to receive it, please email us at tcafieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov. Finally, feel free to forward this to others who may benefit from this information. The following is a rundown of activities that occurred over the past week within the Tucson Sector.

Arrests

- (TUS) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Tucson Station arrested an illegal alien Thursday who has a prior conviction for "Lewd or Lascivious Battery upon a Minor" in Florida. Agents discovered the conviction while processing the subject with the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). The man was held for prosecution.
- (CAG) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Casa Grande Border Patrol Station were processing an illegal alien Wednesday when they noticed several tattoos showing affiliation to the Sureño 13 gang. The subject admitted to a former affiliation with the gang. He was held for further processing.
- (NGL) Nogales agents arrested an illegal alien Monday who has an extraditable warrant for sexual assault from Dallas, Texas. The warrant was discovered using the IAFIS. The Nogales Police Department took custody of the subject for extradition.
- (NGL) Agents from the Nogales Station also arrested an illegal alien Monday who had previously been convicted for manslaughter. The charge was discovered using IAFIS. The subject was held for prosecution.
- (CAG) Casa Grande agents arrested an illegal alien from Honduras Monday who has a prior conviction for sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12. The subject was held for prosecution.
- (NGL) Agents assigned to the Nogales Station arrested an illegal alien Sunday who admitted to being an active member in the Sureno gang. IAFIS revealed that the man had several charges for narcotics violations and for carrying a concealed gun. The man was held for prosecution.

- (CAG) Casa Grande Station agents arrested an illegal alien Saturday who admitted that he was a member of the Latin Kings gang. The man was held for further processing.
- (CAG) Agents assigned to the Casa Grande Station arrested an illegal alien Saturday who claimed he was a member of the Sureno 13 gang. Records generated through IAFIS showed that the man had prior arrests for theft, burglary, and narcotics violations. The man was held for prosecution.
- (CAG) Border Patrol agents from the Casa Grande Station arrested an illegal alien Friday who admitted to being a member of the Sureno 13 gang. When enrolled into the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), agents discovered he had arrests for aggravated assault with a weapon, possession of a firearm, and harassment. The man was held for further processing.

Seizures

- (NGL) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Nogales Station's Interstate 19 checkpoint, aided by a canine unit, discovered 12 bundles of marijuana Wednesday hidden in a false compartment of a pickup truck. The marijuana, weighing approximately 31 pounds, is valued at almost \$25,000. Agents seized the marijuana and truck. The driver was held for prosecution.
- (TUS) Tucson Station agents and a Border Patrol Canine team were conducting checkpoint operations late Monday when a canine alerted to a hidden compartment containing 246 pounds of marijuana. The marijuana, worth more than \$197,000, vehicle and driver were taken to the Tucson Station for processing.
- (CAG) Agents from the Casa Grande Station, with assistance from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Air and Marine (OAM), seized 11 bundles of marijuana Monday after subjects abandoned their load and absconded. The marijuana, weighing 520 pounds and valued at more than \$417,000, was taken to the Casa Grande Station for processing.
- (NGL) Nogales Station agents discovered 197 pounds of marijuana Monday west of the Deconcini Port of Entry. The marijuana, worth approximately \$158,000, was taken to the Nogales Station for processing.

Rescues and Recoveries

- (TUS) An agent from Tucson Sector Radio Dispatch relayed information from a caller Wednesday who said she and a companion were lost. Agents responded to the area and found the subjects. Both individuals, in the country illegally, were held for processing.
- (CAG) While agents assigned to the Casa Grande Station and the Border Patrol's Border Search, Trauma and Rescue (BORSTAR) units were searching for illegal aliens that absconded in the west desert area, they located a deceased male. It was later determined there was no connection between the deceased and the group that agents apprehended. A detective from the Tohono O'odham Police Department responded to the scene to recover the body.

(TCA) After triple digit temperatures swept the west desert, U.S. Border Patrol agents experienced an increase in rescues as illegal aliens suffered from heat related injuries. At least 27 people were rescued by Tucson Sector Border Patrol Agents Monday and Tuesday. High temperatures will continue to be a hazard for illegal crossers in the upcoming months.

In one incident Tuesday, agents responding to a call located two severely dehydrated illegal aliens, one of whom was suffering from delirium. The men were treated by a Border Patrol agent trained as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). In another incident, agents rescued a pregnant woman suffering from dehydration and abdominal pain from drinking contaminated water in a cattle tank. The woman was taken to a hospital for treatment. All of the subjects were then held for processing.

- (CAG) Agents assigned to BORSTAR found a deceased person Monday and turned the scene over to the Tohono O'odham Police department (TOPD).
- (TUS) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Tucson Station rescued an illegal alien Sunday who had consumed contaminated water. After being evaluated by a Border Patrol agent trained as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), the man was transported to a local hospital for further treatment.
- (TCA) Agents assigned BORSTAR rescued two illegal aliens Sunday who were suffering from dehydration. The subjects were treated and transported for processing.
- (TCA) Agents assigned to BORSTAR rescued another illegal alien Sunday who could no longer walk and was experiencing dehydration. The woman was taken to a local hospital for treatment.
- (CAG) Agents assigned to BORSTAR found a deceased person yesterday and turned the scene over to the TOPD.
- (CAG) Agents assigned to the Casa Grande Station discovered bone fragments and what appeared to be a human skull Saturday. The scene was turned over to the TOPD.
- (TUS) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Tucson Station apprehended two illegal aliens Sunday claiming they left behind a man that had collapsed and possibly died. Agents located the man, already deceased, and turned over the scene to the Pima County Sheriff's Department.
- (TCA) Agents assigned to BORSTAR located an illegal alien who was requesting assistance to help recover his deceased travel companion. The illegal alien identified the deceased as his brother-in-law. The scene was turned over to TOPD.